

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Syed F.A. Hossainy <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Uyen T. Ho
Serial No.:	10/668,781	Art Unit:	3731
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Patent No.:	7,169,173		
Title:	Composite Stent with Regioselective Material and a Method of Forming the Same		

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**STATEMENT BY FUH-WEI TANG**

Sir/Madam:

I declare as follows:

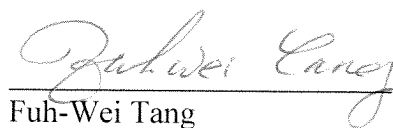
(1) I am an inventor, along with Syed F. A. Hossainy, Orlando Padilla and Daryush Mirzaee, of the above-identified patent (U.S. Patent No. 7,169,173, Application Serial No. 10/668,781, filed on September 22, 2003, and claiming priority to Application Serial No. 09/895,753, filed on June 29, 2001, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,656,216).

(2) The inventorship error of failing to include me as an inventor of the above-identified patent occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further declare that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1002 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

Date: 02/11/2011

Respectfully submitted,

  
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